

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): An isolated polynucleotide comprising:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having brittle-1 activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence a sequence identity of at least 90% sequence identity, based on the Clustal method of alignment, when compared to SEQ ID NO:18, or
- (b) a full-length complement of the nucleotide sequence of (a).

Claim 27 (previously presented): The isolated polynucleotide of Claim 26, wherein the polypeptide has a sequence identity of at least 95%, based on the Clustal method of alignment, when compared to SEQ ID NO:18.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A recombinant DNA construct comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 26 operably linked to a regulatory sequence.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A vector comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 26.